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International)	
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For:	IMPROVEMENTS TO TWO-)
	PART VESSELS)
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE
UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

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Sir:

This letter is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office/Elected Office with a mail date of December 14, 2005.

Applicants enclose herewith the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-captioned national stage application.

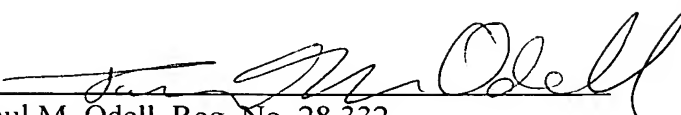
Applicants also enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge payment for providing the Oath or Declaration later than the thirty-month deadline after the priority date.

Applicants also enclose a duplicate copy of the Notification.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Serial No.: 10/530,804

International Application

Filing Date: 10 October 2003

For: IMPROVEMENTS TO TWO-PART VESSELS

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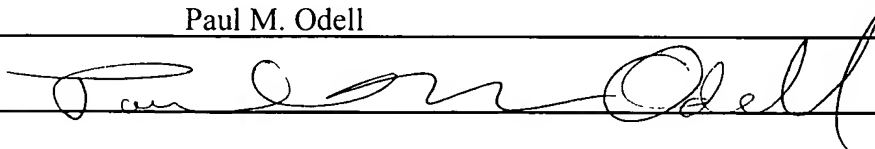
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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/08/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/08/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 04/08/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/08/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/08/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/08/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/08/2005
- Specification filed on 04/08/2005
- Claims filed on 04/08/2005
- Abstracts filed on 04/08/2005
- Drawings filed on 04/08/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- o \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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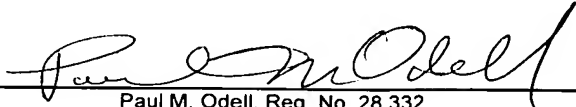
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SEA0820P1510US**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN)
10/530,804INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/AU2003/001339INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
10 October 2003PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
10 October 2002

TITLE OF APPLICATION: IMPROVEMENTS TO TWO-PART VESSELS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Mark Damian Neumeyer et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
 4. ☐ The US has been elected. (Article 31).
 5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
 6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - ☐ is attached hereto
 - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated to the International Bureau
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
 8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
 10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
- Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
 12. ☒ Two (2) assignment documents for recording. A separate cover sheet for each assignment document in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
 13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
 14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet.
 15. ☐ A substitute specification.
 16. ☐ A power or attorney and/or change of address letter.
 17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
 18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. (154(d)(4).
 19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 20. ☒ Other items of information.
 - (a) Response to Notification Of Missing Requirements
 - (b) Certificate Of Mailing By Express Mail

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21. The following fees are submitted				Applicant Use	Office Use Only
<input type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee \$300.00				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee \$200.00				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee \$500.00				\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1,000.00				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of Additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
- 100 =	/50		x \$250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$130.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
Total Claims0	-20 =		x \$50.00	\$	
Independent claims	- 3 =		x \$200.00	\$	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE				\$	
Fee for recording the enclosed two (2) assignments (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$ 80.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$210.00	
Amount to be refunded:					\$
Amount to be charged:					\$
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$210.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-0785 in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0785. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>					
<p>Send Correspondence to:</p> <p>CUSTOMER NUMBER: 32116</p> <p>WOOD, PHILLIPS, KATZ, CLARK & MORTIMER Citigroup Center, Suite 3800 500 West Madison Street Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511 Telephone: (312) 876-1800 Facsimile: (312) 876-2020</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"> Paul M. Odell, Reg. No. 28,332</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January 17, 2006 Date</p>		